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Comprehensive Examination in Analysis

Duration: 3 hours

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Do THREE out of four questions from each section.

Topology and Set Theory

1. Let  $X$  be a set and let  $P(X)$  denote the set of all subsets of  $X$ . Prove that the cardinality of  $P(X)$  is greater than the cardinality of  $X$ .
2. A set  $S$  of real numbers is called rationally independent if an equality of the form  $r_1x_1 + \dots + r_nx_n = 0$  with  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  a finite subset of  $S$  and  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  rational numbers implies  $r_1 = \dots = r_n = 0$ . Prove that there exists a rationally independent set of real numbers  $T$  such that for each real number  $x$  there exist real numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  from  $T$  and rational numbers  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  such that  $x = r_1x_1 + \dots + r_nx_n$ .
3. Prove that a subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is open if and only if  $A$  is equal to the union of a countable number of pairwise disjoint open intervals.
4. Show that  $(-1, 1)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are homeomorphic. Does there exist a homeomorphism from  $[-1, 1]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

Real Analysis

5. Evaluate  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}$ .

6. Put  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\sin x + n \cos x)}{n^3}$  and put  $S = \{f(x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

Prove that  $S$  has a maximum.

7. a) If  $p$  is a prime number, show that  $\frac{1-x^p-(1-x)^p}{p}$  has integer coefficients.

b) Show that the polynomials with integer coefficients are dense in  $C_{\mathbb{R}}([1/4, 3/4])$ , real valued continuous functions on  $[1/4, 3/4]$ .

(Hint: use (a) to approximate constant functions.)

8. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Lebesgue measurable function. Prove that the graph of  $f$ ,  $G(f) = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a measurable set of planar Lebesgue measure zero.

Complex Analysis

9. Put  $p_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z^k}{k!}$  and let  $r_n$  be the minimum modulus of the roots of  $p_n(z)$ . Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = \infty$ .

10. Define  $f: \mathbb{C} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{-n}}{n!}$ . Prove that there is a sequence of complex numbers,  $(z_i)_0^{\infty}$  with  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} z_i = 0$  such that  $f(z_i) = \pi$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ .

11. Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be connected open sets in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $f_i: D_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic functions for  $i = 1, 2$ . Consider the following statement: If  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  agree on a non-empty open subset of  $D_1 \cap D_2$  then there is a unique analytic function  $f: D_1 \cup D_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f_i$  is the restriction of  $f$  to  $D_i$ . Show that this statement is false. What additional hypothesis will make it true and why?

12. Evaluate  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1+x^6}$ .